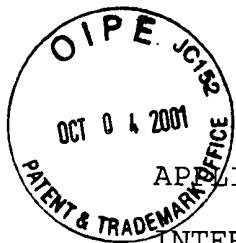


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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified PCT international application and in response to the Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration (FORM PCT/DO/30/917) mailed September 4, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the following:

Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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Attached is a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/917.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Scott L. Lowe at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area to discuss these matters.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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